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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAMASCUS 1020 ACTION SECSTATE 21 FEB 78

QUOTE

S E C R E T DAMASCUS 1020

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FOR INR SAUNDERS

E.O. 11652: DGS  
TAGS: PGOV, XF, US  
SUBJ: DAYAN'S ASSERTION REGARDING SAUDI ARABIA

REF: STATE 42823

1. PERHAPS OTHERS WERE AS STRUCK AS I WAS BY DAYAN'S  
ASSERTION (PARA. 10 REFTEL) "THAT THE SAUDIS TOOK PART  
IN THE 1973 WAR ALONG SIDE THE SYRIANS AND SAUDI FORCES HAD

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RECENTLY HELD JOINT WAR GAMES IN THE SYRIANS." IT HAS  
BEEN WELL OVER A YEAR SINCE THE SAUDIS PACKED UP THEIR  
SUPPORT GROUP HERE AND WENT HOME. I HAVE THE IMPRESSION  
THAT IS WAS NEVER MORE THAN A TOKEN FORCE, MORE FOR A  
SHOW OF POLITICAL SOLIDARITY THAN FOR MILITARY REASONS,  
AND THAT SAUDI ARABIA'S MINIMAL PARTICIPATION IN THE 1973  
WAS WAS OF THE SAME CHARACTER. THE JOINT "WAR GAMES" DATE

BACK TO 1975 AND INVOLVED ONLY C-130'S, TO BEST OUR  
RECOLLECTION STAGING IN JORDAN.

2. TO CLARIFY THE RECORD, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE IT  
WOULD BE USEFUL FOR INR TO PREPARE AN ACCURATE  
HISTORICAL READ-OUT OF BOTH POINTS RAISED BY  
FONMIN DAYAN.

3. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PASS JIDDA AND TEL AVIV.  
MURPHY  
UNQUOTE VANCE

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